

MEDICAID CODING GUIDELINE

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FORENSIC EXAMINATION AND INTERVIEW FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR SUSPECTED ABUSE

CODING/BILLING:

99201-99215-32 Forensic **examination** performed by a physician (MD, DO) or other non-physician practitioner (NP, CNS, PA, LICSW) must be billed with the appropriate level E/M (evaluation and management) CPT code (99201-99215) and his/her individual provider number.

NOTE: Photographs taken during the examination are included in the E/M reimbursement

99499-32 Forensic **interview** performed by a physician, NP, CNS, PA, LICSW and certified as a forensic interviewer is to under his/her ND Medicaid provider number.

OR

99499-U3-32 Forensic **interview** performed by an expert interview specialist** and billed with **supervising** physician, NP, CNS, PA, or LICSW ND Medicaid provider number.

CRITERIA:

The physician or non-physician practitioner may perform the forensic physical examination. A physician, NP, CNS, PA, LICSW or an expert interview specialist who is certified as a forensic interviewer may perform the forensic interview. When an expert interview specialist performs the forensic interview there must be a documented recommendation/order from the supervising physician, NP, CNS, PA, or LICSW in the medical record. This must be available to the Department upon request.

The services rendered must be medically necessary. Documentation in the medical record must support the services rendered and billed to ND Medicaid.

Modifier **32** (mandated services) must be appended to all CPT codes identifying forensic services (examination and/or interview).

Modifier **U3** (state specific modifier) must be appended to the CPT code identifying the forensic interview when performed by an expert interview specialist. This service must be billed under the **supervising** physician, NP, CNS, PA, or LICSW ND Medicaid provider number.

ICD-9-CM COVERED DIAGNOSIS:

V71.81 Observation for suspected abuse and neglect

ICD-10-CM COVERED DIAGNOSIS:

T76.12xA	Child physical abuse, suspected, initial encounter
T76.21xA	Adult sexual abuse, suspected, initial encounter
T76.22xA	Child sexual abuse, suspected, initial encounter
Z04.41	Encounter for examination and observation following alleged adult rape
Z04.42	Encounter for examination and observation following alleged child rape
Z04.72	Encounter for examination and observation following alleged child physical abuse

**The expert interview specialist must possess a license in the medical and/or mental health field and maintain continuing education hours as required by his/her licensure (pertinent to child abuse/neglect).

IMPORTANT: According to North Dakota Century Code 12.1-34: An *acute* forensic medical examination performed on an alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime and is performed within ninety-six hours after the alleged crime ... MAY NOT be charged, either directly or through a third-party payer (including ND Medicaid), to the alleged victim. Acute forensic medical examination services meeting these criteria must be billed to the Forensic Medical Examination Reimbursement Fund. See www.ag.nd.gov for specific instructions.

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